

Congressman Kirk founded the bipartisan U.S. China-Working Group in June 2005 with Rep. Rick Larsen (D-Wash). Much of this century's history will be written between Washington and Beijing. To protect American interests and avoid future conflict, the U.S.-China Working Group seeks to build diplomatic relations with China and to make the Congress more aware of U.S.-China issues. The group hosts regular meetings to hear from key business, academic and political leaders about U.S.-China issues, including trade, security, energy, environment, human rights, space, counternarcotics, and counterterrorism.

In 2009, Reps. Kirk and Larsen unveiled the U.S.-China Competitiveness Agenda which is backed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the U.S.-China Business Council:

- Increasing small business export promotion to China (H.R. 2310)
- Expanding America's diplomatic footprint in China (H.R. 2311)
- Establishing an official U.S.-China framework for alternative energy development (H.R. 2312)
- Boosting Chinese language education in U.S. public schools (H.R. 2313)

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